

Presenter Biographies

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Alex Abdun-Nabi is the State Training Officer for the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division. He has been with the division since January of 2016 and in his current role since March 2016. He is a state designated Professional Emergency Manager and recently oversaw the 2017 Statewide Exercise encompassing over 30 participating agencies, non-governmental organizations, healthcare coalitions, and local jurisdictions playing together over three days. Prior to his work with the Michigan State Police, he was an emergency management intern at the University of Michigan Division of Public Safety and Security.

Karla Black PhD, MEP, PEM

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Karla Black holds Bachelors' of Science degrees in chemistry and biology from the University of Illinois and a PhD in biology from Purdue University. She has served as a Strategic National Stockpile contractor for the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for Allegan County in Michigan. Currently she is the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the Kent County Health Department (KCHD) in Grand Rapids, Michigan which serves over half a million residents in urban and rural settings. Since joining KCHD in 2012, Dr. Black has been responsible for responding to local public health incidents, fulfilling requirements of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant, assisting in KCHD's effort in achieving national accreditation, and serving on a variety of local, state and national committees.

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Diane has 49 years of experience in the Healthcare setting, including the last 47 in Long Term Care. Over the years she has advanced from a Charge Nurse to Administrator. Diane has been actively involved in 5th District LTC Healthcare Planning board for disasters since September of 2013. She is currently the Administrator of Royalton Manor in St. Joe, Michigan.

Teri Lee Dyke, RN, MSN, CIC

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Teri has been a nurse for over 33 years and worked in a variety of healthcare settings including; a large multi-facility health system, public health and Emergency Preparedness. Teri has her Masters in Nursing from MSU and has been certified in Infection Prevention and Control since 1993. She has taken multiple incident command system courses in preparation to serve in both the state's Emergency Operations Center and the Community Health's Emergency Coordination Center. In October 2010, she hired into the Bureau of Health Systems Licensing and Certification Division, to conduct surveys and complete complaint investigations for hospitals, dialysis centers, and ambulatory surgical centers. In February 2012, she was hired as Section manager for the Hospital Section of the Health Facilities Division. In 2015 she was hired as Director for the Health Facility Licensing, Permits and Support Division.

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Dr. Edwards has served as a regional medical director since the beginning of Michigan's Emergency Preparedness program with healthcare coalitions. He is chair of the State Emergency Medical Services Coordination Committee (EMSCC) and EMS QA Task Force. He is a member of the Michigan Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) and is the Lansing Community College EMS Program Medical director, which developed the first "military to civilian" paramedic training course. He is board certified in Emergency Medicine and earned an additional certification (CAQ) in EMS. He has assisted many Long Term Care facilities in their emergency preparedness planning and assisted on many incidents. He has spoken at national conferences on assisting Long Term Care facilities to build progressive/ sustainable Emergency Preparedness training and exercise programs.

Cheryl A. Howlett, RN, BSN

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Cheryl has been in the regulatory arena for over 9 years, first as a surveyor then as a manager of a survey team. She has provided guidance to facilities, committees, and stakeholders regarding regulations found in the State Operations Manual provided by CMS.

Prior to that she was a nurse in a county health department and team member on the community planning team for disaster management. Cheryl also worked as a nurse clinical instructor where she educated students on the importance of (1) how to respond and (2) their role and responsibility in a disaster; should one occur while onsite during clinical rounds

As a volunteer with the American Red Cross, she served as a nurse liaison on the Disaster Management Team and has responded to local community disasters.

Abdullah Masood**Director of Operations****Burcham Hills**amasood@burchamhills.com

Abdullah Masood is Director of Operations at Burcham Hills in East Lansing. Masood started his employment with Burcham in 2004 as a dining room attendant and was in that position until 2010 when he graduated from Michigan State University. After spending some time in sales and retail, Masood returned to Burcham in 2013. Masood is the Vice Chair for the long term care work group of D1RMRC.

Gerald Rodabaugh**Supervisor – Fire Safety Unit****State of Michigan- LARA- BCHS**RodabaughG@michigan.gov

Jerry spent over 30 years in the Fire and EMS field with the last 18 years in Inspections, Fire Investigations and New Construction Inspections. He is currently the Supervisor of the Fire Safety Unit for the Bureau of Community and Health Services.

Mark Sarvis**Director of Buildings and Grounds****Burcham Hills**msarvis@burchamhills.com

Mark Sarvis is Director of Buildings and Grounds at Burcham Hills in East Lansing. Mark has been with Burcham Hills since 2003.

Linda J. Scott**Director of the Division of Emergency Preparedness and Response****State of Michigan**scottl12@michigan.gov

Linda Scott serves as the Director of the Division of Emergency Preparedness and Response within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Mrs. Scott provides leadership and oversight for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Healthcare Preparedness Program (HPP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from the University of Detroit Mercy and received her Master's from the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security. Linda has held multiple positions of leadership in infection control, public health, and disaster response; including the organization of the eight (8) Regional Healthcare Coalitions in Michigan. She serves on many national committees and demonstrates a forward-thinking strategic approach to coalition development and operational planning.